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" (*d*) The Khadi Scheme is not being worked as a commercial proposition, but at the same time all items of expenditure except subsidy are expected to be covered by receipts. The amount of subsidy granted is Rs. 34,586 from the inception of the scheme up to the end of March 1953."

Kerala Soap Factory, Kozhikode.

* 954 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) what was the total production in the Kerala Soap Factory, Kozhikode, in the last three years and what is the present stock held by the Government;

(*b*) what was the total requirement of the Government in soap for the corresponding three years to meet the demands of their own departments;

(*c*) whether the Government demands for soaps were met out of production from the Kerala Soap Factory or by calling private tenders; and

(*d*) whether this Government in the last three years made any request to the Central Government to have their stores purchased from out of the product of Kerala Soap Factory?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The annual production of soap in the Kerala Soap Institute, Kozhikode, during the last three years is—

	TONS.
1949–50	285
1950–51	322
1951–52	314

The stock held as on 28th February 1953 was 30 tons of finished soaps.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Information regarding the total requirements of soaps of the various Departments of the Government is not available. The Government have, however, issued instructions to all Government Departments that only products manufactured in factories run by the Government should be purchased for their use.

" (*d*) Yes, Sir."

Libraries organized by the Rural Development Department in Ongole taluk.

* 955 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of villages where libraries are organized by the Rural Development Department in Ongole taluk;

(*b*) the number of circulating libraries;

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(c) the amount of local help given both in kind and money for building these libraries;

(d) the number of paid librarians working;

(e) the amount spent for the purchase of books to furnish the libraries for the year 1952–53;

(f) how many libraries are supplied dailies at Government cost; and

(g) the total amount spent by the Government exclusively for maintaining the libraries of this area in the year 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO:—"(a) Pellur in Ongole taluk.

"(b) 24.

"(c) Rs. 29,400-2-0.

"(d) One.

"(e) Rs. 500.

"(f) One.

"(g) Rs. 1,732-5-0."

Minor irrigation works in Ponnani taluk.

* 956 Q.—SRI E. T. KUNHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation in the month of December 1952, regarding certain minor irrigation works to be started in Ponnani taluk, Malabar district; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government on the matter?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—"(a) A representation, dated 2nd December 1952 from the hon. Member requesting that two more vents may be opened to the Viyam Dam and that the two channels joining above this dam may be widened and deepened and bunds constructed across them was received in December 1952.

"(b) As the suggestions had been previously examined and considered not feasible or necessary, no further action was called for on the representation."

Lower division clerks in the Revenue Department.

* 957 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether a large number of temporary lower division clerks (unqualified) in the district and division offices have been ousted or reverted under the recent orders of the Revenue Board; and

(b) the maximum period of service of those ousted or reverted and why they were so ousted or reverted?